

Written Public Comments Submitted for CRC Special Meeting (12/15/2021)

Agenda Item	Name	Position	Comments	Comments Received	Attachment
5.a.	Dina Mills	Oppose	-	12/13/2021	n/a
5.a.	Jerri Rousseau	Oppose	I oppose the final map. Manhattan beach has far more in common with other beach cities than with downtown and Inglewood.	12/14/2021	n/a
5.a.	John Damico	Other	I am not in favor of any map that separates West Hollywood from the other Westside cities. Our ability to influence local govt policy depends on working in consortium across districts.	12/13/2021	n/a
5.a.	Karo Torossian	Other	Since your Maps have not been able to unify the SFV+ Burbank+ Glendale, Please keep the Armenian Communities together. The Attached map moves the population from SD3 to SD5 Unifying all of North Hollywood into SD5 and also moving Valley Glen into SD5 to unite the dense Armenian Communities together into SD5. This is a Shift of 109K people but since SD5 was underpopulated by 115K and SD3 was Overpopulated by 55K it will bring SD5 to an almost perfect population and SD3 will be under by 54K. Bringing the total deviations way down.	12/13/2021	View attachment
5.a.	Laura Kastner	Other	Keep South Bay cities in District 4, move Southeast cities back to District 2	12/13/2021	n/a
5.a.	Lee Phillips	Oppose	Move the beach cities back into District 4 and exchange for more traditional areas closer to downtown for District 2. The beach cities have much more in common with Torrance, PV Peninsula and Long Beach than parts of downtown. Communities of District 2 have much more in common with the areas closer to downtown than the beach cities. This is rather obvious and a simple change that will greatly enhance the goal of matching common communities of interest and greatly improve this map, as well as minimize changes from the current District lines.	12/14/2021	n/a
5.b.	Amy Gustincic	Oppose	I was alarmed to see that Los Feliz was split into multiple districts at the most recent public meeting. Los Feliz is a distinct community of interest and it is unbelievable that it will now be split so that neighbors will be in different county districts. One need only look at the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council boundaries to	12/13/2021	n/a

			see where the lines should be. In a county where the districts are large by population and area, especially district 5, it is all the more important that Los Feliz be kept whole in one district, otherwise we may never receive proper representation.		
5.b.	Ashley Orona	Favor	Hello, my name is Ashley Orona and I am a resident of unincorporated Florence-Firestone in SD2. I urge the CRC to keep Florence-Firestone in the Second District under Supervisor Mitchell's district. As an unincorporated community we lack proper political representation and heavily rely on the Supervisor as our sole representative and so redistricting Florence-Firestone away from SD2 will only cause further confusion for residents living here and further disenfranchise our community. Florence-Firestone should remain with the Supervisor they voted for in 2020. Please keep Florence-Firestone in SD2. Thank you.	12/14/2021	n/a
5.b.	Barbara Malin	Oppose	Please revert back to MAP F4	12/14/2021	n/a
5.b.	Bryant Edwards	Favor	I strongly encourage the commission to OPPOSE adoption of the map that was developed on 12/12/2021. After several meetings discussing various iterations of maps, and carefully refining versions and amendments toward a cohesive map, the actions over the weekend were akin to carving a turkey with a baseball bat. Several last minute changes occurred in such a haphazard way that we have several communities split between two districts. For example, both Los Feliz and Silver Lake have been split between different districts. Los Feliz, previously in SD3, is now placed partially in SD5 and partially in SD1, splitting a community of approximately 35,000 people into two disparate districts. The changes over the weekend were so drastic and done in a manner that undermined the transparency for community awareness and involvement, while intentionally severing some communities between two districts. As an independent commission, I expect this body (irrespective of their personal investment in this process) to take a pause, examine how this map has come to be, the negative impacts of this proposal, and to OPPOSE this map.	12/13/2021	n/a
5.b.	Candice Cho	Other	I appreciate the Commission's efforts to keep Thai Town whole in its final map, Map F-4, which includes the summary description "Please note that the area bounded by Hollywood Blvd., N. Western Ave., W. Sunset Blvd., and N. Serrano Ave is to be in District 1 with the rest of Thai Town." In order to keep Thai Town whole, please note that the area bound by Normandie, Franklin, Vermont, and Prospect/Hollywood should also be included in SD1 as a part of Thai Town. I am	12/14/2021	View attachment View attachment

			attaching the Thai Town COI and a screenshot of the final map with red markings indicating the missing part. Thank you for your consideration.		
5.b.	Chris Kelleher	Oppose	<p>Citizens Redistricting Commission</p> <p>Many thanks for the Commission's hard work this far. I conditionally approve of this new map, F-4, if and only if the Beach Cities are moved back to District 4, and areas in Southeast LA are moved back into District 2.</p> <p>The Beach Cities have few common interests or concerns with District 2 - primarily a South LA and downtown district. I've been advised that District 2 residents have expressed concern with being included into the Beach Cities, as they do not feel properly aligned with the Beach Cities concerns. To me, this appears to be one of the few shortcomings of this final map under consideration.</p> <p>In exchange for Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach being moved back into District 4, one proposal that that appears would balance the population shift and reduce the deviation is to move Florence, Walnut Park and Lynwood back into District 2. These areas seem much better aligned with the downtown areas directly adjacent than the rest of District 4.</p> <p>Moving the Beach Cities of Redondo, Hermosa and Manhattan back into District 4 in exchange for these or similarly sized Southeast LA areas being moved back into District 2 will greatly improve map F-4.</p> <p>Appreciate serious consideration, thanks!</p>	12/13/2021	n/a
5.b.	David Hartmire	Oppose	<p>The commission acted did not take any public input on removing the entire northwest San Fernando Valley from the Fifth District. Our YMCA has enjoyed a very positive relationship with the District 5 office. There is overwhelming public comment on record advocating to keep these communities in the Fifth District, and attached to the North County and northeast SFV foothills. We ask that you revert back to map F-4</p>	12/14/2021	n/a
5.b.	Dina Mills	Oppose	-	12/13/2021	n/a
5.b.	Donna C Shockley	Oppose	I am a long time Redondo Beach resident and want to stay in District 4 with our South Bay neighboring cities. It just doesn't make since to be in the same district	12/14/2021	n/a

			as Downtown, Lynwood, San Fernando Valley our wherever. We don't have common interests and issues with those areas. I don't want my city to be part of District 2. Thank you for your attention.		
5.b.	Edwina Smith	Oppose	'The commission acted in the shadows and did not take any public input on removing the entire northwest San Fernando Valley from the Fifth District. There is overwhelming public comment on record advocating to keep these communities in the Fifth District, and attached to the North County and northeast SFV foothills. We ask that you revert back to map F-4.'	12/14/2021	n/a
5.b.	Former Los Feliz Neighborhood Council President	Oppose	<p>As a former President of the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council, I write to offer my firm opposition to a change made on the fly by this commission over the weekend that would sever Los Feliz into two Supervisorial Districts, with no justification.</p> <p>Map F-3, which was the subject of your Saturday, December 11 meeting, held Los Feliz together. But then, presumably for purposes of population leveling across districts, our neighborhood was severed, to give half to District 5 and half to District 1. Currently Los Feliz sits completely in District 3.</p> <p>For a community of only 35,000 residents, this action by your commission is appalling. It's enough that Los Feliz is being moved out of the only Supervisorial District we have known; but to then divide us along narrow residential streets into two districts that could hardly be more different from each other, is a sucker punch to a close-knit community.</p> <p>I question the competence of this commission, to make a decision like this, without so much as a second thought. If you understood the first thing about our central Los Angeles communities, and our reliance on the County for public and mental health services, perhaps you would not have been so reckless in this action.</p> <p>Unless you are able to make Los Feliz whole again, in either District 1 or District 5, this map is not worth approving in its current form.</p>	12/13/2021	n/a
5.b.	Harold N Bass	Oppose	-	12/14/2021	View attachment

5.b.	Henry Fung	Favor	Dear commissioners, congratulations on the map. I hope someone has spoken to the City of La Verne to make sure that they are aware of, and have been given the opportunity to give feedback on, the move of the portion of their city south of Bonita Avenue into SD 1. It appears that Commissioner Mendoza, who lives in La Verne, felt that their lack of comment was a vote in the affirmative. I do not think this is the case and they should be given a chance to make an objection. If such a change were made it would not be a significant impact in population deviation and only a minor modification in the legal description, so this could be done at the meeting. Although I objected in public comment at the last meeting, I of course do not live in or work for La Verne and cannot speak for them. But they should be outreached to and given an opportunity to speak for themselves.	12/13/2021	n/a
5.b.	Issam Najm	Favor	I don't know how this last map got injected into the system with no meaningful public input, and there is a mountain of public comments asking the commission to keep the northwest San Fernando Valley in the 5th District. The Community of Porter Ranch has far more common goals and aspirations with the foothill communities of the current 5th District than the rest of the San Fernando Valley. There is nothing geographically, socially, or politically common between our community and the rest of the Valley. We ask that you revert back to map F-4 so we can continue to be with the communities with whom we share most interests.	12/14/2021	n/a
5.b.	James R Bozajian	Favor	On behalf of the City of Calabasas, I thank you for considering our input and testimony, and for crafting District 3 with the notions that all areas within the Conejo Valley be kept together, and that our district remain geographically compact. We truly appreciate these accommodations.	12/13/2021	n/a
5.b.	Jelena Csanyi	Oppose	The commission acted in the shadows and did not take any public input on removing the entire northwest San Fernando Valley from the Fifth District. There is overwhelming public comment on record advocating to keep these communities in the Fifth District, and attached to the North County and northeast SFV foothills. We ask that you revert back to map F-4.'	12/14/2021	n/a
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5.b.	Jill Mather	Favor	The commission acted in the shadows and did not take any public input on removing the entire northwest San Fernando Valley from the Fifth District. There is overwhelming public comment on record advocating to keep these	12/14/2021	n/a

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5.b.	John Mendoza	Other	-	12/13/2021	View attachment
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5.b.	John Mendoza	Other	Please download the present pdf. Map adopted by committee should be coherent with New City Council Districts election in La Vern. Current map considered splits La Vern City Council area at Wheeler Street new Supervisor District 1. The adoption of extended are along Arrow Highway in close proximity to FAIRPLEX to address environmental issues as traffic will undermine community of Interest in La Vern City Hall. Minimal population would be part of change because the sites are vacant.	12/14/2021	View attachment
5.b.	Jonathan Pacheco Bell	Favor	Hello, my name is Jonathan Pacheco Bell. I am a longtime community member in unincorporated Florence-Firestone in SD2 and co-author of the book, "A Paseo Through Time in Florence-Firestone." I am in favor of the final map because it keeps Florence-Firestone in the Second District under Supervisor Mitchell's Office. As an unincorporated community, Florence-Firestone lacks proper political representation and heavily relies on the Supervisor's Office as the sole representative. Redistricting Florence-Firestone away from SD2 would only cause further confusion for residents and local business owners, and would disenfranchise our community. Florence-Firestone should remain with the Supervisor they voted for in 2020. Please keep Florence-Firestone in SD2. Thank you.	12/14/2021	n/a
5.b.	Judith D Trimble	Favor	My recommendation and vote is IN FAVOR of MAP F-1.	12/14/2021	n/a
5.b.	Karen S Suter	Oppose	When I testified before the state Redistricting Commission 10 years ago, they agreed with my statement that La Canada and all of La Crescenta should be in the same "district of interest". La Canada Flintridge, Montrose and Tujunga area all along Foothill Blvd in the rural foothills. It makes sense to me to keep the Glendale Unified School District together along with our commercial/social and educational connection with Glendale. I strongly urge that you maintain our "same districts of interest".	12/13/2021	n/a

5.b.	Kristina Miller	Oppose	<p>Move the beach cities back into District 4 and exchange for more traditional areas closer to downtown for District 2. The beach cities have much more in common with Torrance, PV Peninsula and Long Beach than parts of downtown.</p> <p>Communities of District 2 have much more in common with the areas closer to downtown than the beach cities. This is rather obvious and a simple change that will greatly enhance the goal of matching common communities of interest and greatly improve this map, as well as minimize changes from the current District lines.</p>	12/14/2021	n/a
5.b.	Laura Kastner	Other	Keep South Bay cities in District 4, move Southeast cities back to District	12/13/2021	n/a
5.b.	Laura Oczachowski	Oppose	<p>I would only approve Map F4 with the following changes.</p> <p>Move the beach cities back into District 4. The beach cities have much more in common with Torrance, PV Peninsula and Long Beach than parts of downtown.</p> <p>Move Lynwood, Florence, and Walnut Park back into District 2 (they are there now) from the proposed District 4 map under consideration.</p> <p>This simple change will correct the current problems with Map F-4.</p>	12/13/2021	n/a
5.b.	Lee Phillips	Oppose	<p>Move the beach cities back into District 4 and exchange for more traditional areas closer to downtown for District 2. The beach cities have much more in common with Torrance, PV Peninsula and Long Beach than parts of downtown.</p> <p>Communities of District 2 have much more in common with the areas closer to downtown than the beach cities. This is rather obvious and a simple change that will greatly enhance the goal of matching common communities of interest and greatly improve this map, as well as minimize changes from the current District lines.</p>	12/14/2021	n/a
5.b.	Margarita Sandoval	Other	Hello, my name is Margarita Sandoval and I am a resident of unincorporated Florence-Firestone in SD2. I am in favor of the final map because it keeps Florence-Firestone in the Second District under Supervisor Mitchell's district. As an unincorporated community, we lack proper political representation and heavily rely on the Supervisor as our sole representative and so redistricting Florence-Firestone away from SD2 will only cause further confusion for residents living here	12/14/2021	n/a

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5.b.	Marty Woll	Oppose	See attached comment letter. In short, representation of the North San Fernando Valley should be kept together, as would have been the case with Map F.	12/14/2021	View attachment
5.b.	Michael M Horton	Oppose	'The commission acted in the shadows and did not take any public input on removing the entire northwest San Fernando Valley from the Fifth District. There is overwhelming public comment on record advocating to keep these communities in the Fifth District, and attached to the North County and northeast SFV foothills. We ask that you revert back to map F-4.'	12/14/2021	n/a
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5.b.	Paula Cracium	Oppose	I am greatly concerned that the commission acted without taking any public input on removing the entire northwest San Fernando Valley from the Fifth District. There is overwhelming public comment on record advocating to keep these communities in the Fifth District, and attached to the North County and northeast SFV foothills. We ask that you revert back to map F-4.'	12/14/2021	n/a
5.b.	Sheila Kuehl	Oppose	"Redistricting is always a challenging and disruptive process, but this go-round has been truly disappointing with the final map thoroughly gutting the heart of what has been the Third District at the eleventh hour while providing no time for comment or review. For many decades, Universal City, LACMA, the Tar Pits, the Ford Theatres and the Hollywood Bowl have been a part of the Third District family of public venues where we have been fierce advocates of the arts and improving accessibility. Dividing them up in two other districts and severing them from their surrounding communities has little impact on the population, but has a profound impact on the critical longstanding partnerships that have sustained these venues which provide so much to so many County residents. Divide the Hollywood Bowl from Hollywood? I will, of course, continue to represent all the constituents in my district, and warmly welcome those who are about to become residents of the County's Third District, as well as work with any Supervisors who	12/13/2021	n/a

			suddenly find these incredible venues in their newly-drawn district, but I remain concerned about these inexplicably rushed changes that may thoroughly alter the historical connections of these artistic and cultural treasures.” -Los Angeles County 3rd District Supervisor Sheila Kuehl		
5.b.	Susanne Cumming	Other	Thank you for including the ecosystem of Ballona Wetlands, Playa del Rey and Marina del Rey all together in District 2. It will be much easier to advocate for heron-cams, eagle nest-cams, and access/opportunities in nature for young people, especially at risk children. Members of defendballonawetlands.org look forward to working with Supervisor Mitchell.	12/14/2021	n/a
5.b.	Vicki Briskman	Oppose	'The commission acted in the shadows and did not take any public input on removing the entire northwest San Fernando Valley from the Fifth District. There is overwhelming public comment on record advocating to keep these communities in the Fifth District, and attached to the North County and northeast SFV foothills. We ask that you revert back to map F-4.'	12/14/2021	n/a
5.b.	Wendi C Gladstone	Oppose	<p>It is our desire to keep the areas of Chatsworth, Porter Ranch, Northridge and Granada Hills in County Supervisor District 5. This District has served our communities well and redistricting just stirs a pot that does not need stirring.</p> <p>It appears the Commission removed the northwest San Fernando Valley (SFV) from the Fifth District. There has been extensive comment from the Community and requests to keep the above mentioned communities as is, currently in County Supervisor District 5. We are extremely distressed by this sudden action to remove the Northwest SFV from District 5!</p> <p>Please follow your previous work and revert to map F-4, retaining the boundaries of District 5 as is... to include the Northwest portion of the San Fernando Valley foothill communities. The foothill Communities have areas of common/mutual interest -ie: common foothills, horse properties, open space and wildfire concerns that the Valley floor does not have.</p> <p>The Districting should be about the people who live there and what they want! Why change it if it has been working well... and it has been working well!!!</p>	12/14/2021	n/a

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5.c.	Alex U Ugrik	Favor	The commission acted in the shadows and did not take any public input on removing the entire northwest San Fernando Valley from the Fifth District. There is overwhelming public comment on record advocating to keep these communities in the Fifth District, and attached to the North County and northeast SFV foothills. We ask that you revert back to map F-4.	12/14/2021	n/a
5.c.	Dina Mills	Oppose	This map does not take in consideration the the beach cities are not at all similar to downtown LA. Different people and different problems. It will cause a lot of problems for residents, being lumped with LA. Beach cities have a lot more in common with PV, Torrance and even Long Beach. This map is a disgrace and so is this meeting apparently.	12/13/2021	n/a
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-	Bret Polish	-	Dear Commissioners, I am writing to you to please be guided by equity and racial justice as you make your final redistricting decisions. We ask that you support modified Map F-1 (OP Map 81) submitted by the People's Bloc. This is the only map that does not dilute the voices of the Black community.	12/12/2021	n/a

		<p>The commission is making history as being the first independent commission to draw new district lines for the county. However, it is very disappointing to see the voices of Black residents being overlooked at the expense of more affluent areas. South LA has historically been a place of residence for the Black community and it is the last place in the county where the majority reside. In the last decade the demographics of LA County show that the Black population has declined by 7.3% according to the US Census. This is a worrisome trend that has occurred as a result of the community being driven out through racist policies, economic disinvestments, and gentrification. This trend will not improve in the next decade which is why it is important to draw a district that maintains the highest percentage of Black CVAP as seen in modified Map F-1.</p> <p>Map G, which is being put forward, has very harmful effects to communities in South LA by pairing more affluent parts of the coast with South LA. The issues and priorities of these two areas are vastly different. South LA has fought for racial justice, affordable housing, and has been one of the communities most impacted by COVID-19. When looking at the Redistricting Equity Index, you can see how these communities are on the complete opposite spectrums and the opportunities for powerbuilding are not there. Historic SD2 cities share similar economic hardships. 74.4% of Watts residents live under 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), this figure is 55.6% in Compton, 48.7% in Koreatown, 46.9% in Hawthorne, 42.5 % in Hyde Park, and 38.6% in Inglewood. Just across the 405 Freeway, residents experience very different economic realities. For example, 8.2% of Manhattan Beach residents live below 200% of the FPL, a figure mirrored in other coastal cities (Rolling Hills Estates 8.5%, Palos Verdes Estates 9.7%, Hermosa Beach 10.3%, Rancho Palos Verdes 10.4%, and Redondo Beach 11.4%). Being paired with communities with more wealth and opposite interests will lead to political representation that compromises the needs and interests of South LA in favor of the coastal cities. These differences stretch far beyond economic interests. In the midst of the pandemic, the average number of COVID-19 cases per 100,000 residents was as much as four to five times higher in historic SD2 cities east of the 405 than neighboring coastal cities, highlighting some of the health and economic factors leading to very different lived experiences. The disparities in home ownership, denied mortgage applications, subprime mortgage</p>		
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			<p>rates, uninsured population, drinking water contaminants, and voter turnout are also stark when comparing communities east of the 405 and on the coast. It is crucial for communities of color to have political representation that understands black histories, cultures, and values. All of this will be diluted by pairing South LA with affluent cities on the coast. The pairing of these communities is in no way, shape or form a type of reparations, bringing in assets like the LAX airport is what the community needs.</p> <p>Map B-2 is also unacceptable as it reduces the representation of communities of color to only elect a candidate of choice in two districts instead of 3 like in the modified Map F-1. It does this by packing Black and Brown communities in District 2. The remaining 3 district would have the highest white CVAP. This is concerning given the demographics of LA County, where the white population only makes up 30% of the county and where minority communities are the majority.</p> <p>I urge the commission to not be on the wrong side of history by creating lines that will disenfranchise black communities and that will take a decade to fix. Please move forward with the modified Map F-1 (OP 81) submitted by the People's Bloc.</p> <p>Respectfully, Bret Polish</p>		
-	Mary Buttice	-	Please see attached letter from Arcadia Mayor Sho Tay.	12/14/2021	View attachment